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1. ECONCOUNS AND EMBOFF TOOK OCCASSION OF VISIT TO JAKARTA OF DEPARTMENT CONSULTANT ALLAN GOODMAN TO MEET MARCH 10 WITH DR. SUHADI (MINISTRY OF TRADE) AND DR. MOOY (BAPPENAS), TWO PRINCIPAL GOI SUBCABINET CIEC PARTICIPANTS. CONVERSATION PARALLELED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD WITH WIDJOJO SAME DAY (REFTELS) BUT SEVERAL ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INTEREST EMERGED IN THE NINETY MINUTE DISCUSSION.

2. SUHADI SAID THE QUESTION NOW FACING LDC'S IN "HOW IMPORTANT THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES FEEL LDC PROBLEMS ARE." HE RECOGNIZED THAT LDC PROBLEMS WERE NOT AT THE TOP OF THE U.S. LIST OF PRIORITIES BUT SAID IF THEY WERE TOO FAR DOWN THE LDC'S WOULD BE GREATLY CONCERNED. AN LDC SENSE OF REALISM HAD KEPT THEM FROM BEING DISAPPOINTED AT THE FACT THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S ITINERARY HAD INCLUDED STOPS ONLY IN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, BUT SUHADI WONDERED WHETHER LDC PROBLEMS HAD BEEN ON THE VICE PRESIDENT'S AGENDA. FOR INSTANCE, HAD THE VICE PRESIDENT DISCUSSED THE NORTH-SOUTH
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DIALOGUE WITH JAPANESE IN TOKYO.

3. COMMENTING ON PROSPECTS FOR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CIEC, SUHADI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EACH SIDE HAD DONE ITS BEST TO STUDY AND TO UNDERSTAND THE OTHER SIDE'S PROPOSALS, AND THAT EACH NOW KNOWS WHAT THE OTHER WANTS. THUS THE TECHNICAL STAGE, THE TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS, HAS PASSED AND

HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL DECISIONS MUST BE MADE, WITHOUT WHICH NO PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE. ASKED TO GAUGE THE IMPORTANCE OF CIEC, SUHADI SAID ITS SUCCESS WAS PIVOTAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. FAILURE OF THE PARIS TALKS WOULD BE A STRONG INDICATION TO THE LDC'S THAT AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE ATTITUDE OF THE U.S. AND OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CANNOT BE EXPECTED, AND THAT THE LDCS CAN LOOK FOR TROUBLE RIGHT DOWN THE LINE--NOT ONLY IN CIEC BUT ALSO IN THE MTN, IMF, GATT, UNCTAD, AS WELL AS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. ASKED TO SKETCH A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO CIEC, SUHADI SAID THAT PROPOSALS TABLED IN THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS COULD BE NARROWED DOWN TO TWO OF THREE MAJOR ISSUES IN EACH COMMISSION. WITH THE RIGHT POLITICAL WILL AGREEMENT ON THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THESE MAJOR ISSUES COULD BE REACHED. HE SAID THE CIEC WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE A PERMANENT FEATURE BUT THAT AFTER A YEAR'S INVESTMENT IT SHOULD LEND MOMENTUM TO THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. SUHADI'S DEFINITION OF SUCCESS IN THE RAW MATERIALS COMMISSION WOULD BE A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE COMMON FUND CONCEPT. THE ACTUAL NEGOTIATION OF THE FUND COULD BE CARRIED OUT LATER BY UNCTAD.

4. MOOY SAID THAT WHILE THE GOI STILL HOPED FOR PROGRESS IN VARIOUS FARA, INCLUDING THE IGGI, IN HIS OPINION THERE ACTUALLY HAD BEEN BACKSLIDING RATHER THAN PROGRESS SINCE NAIROBI. HE LAID THE BLAME FOR THIS SQUARELY AT THE FEET OF THE G-8. DESPITE AGREEMENT IN NAIROBI ON THE FORMATION OF A COMMON FUND, THE G-19 NOW FOUND ITSELF IN GENEVA DISCUSSING NOT THE MODALITIES OF FORMING SUCH A FUND BUT RATHER CONFIDENTIAL

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ALTERNATIVES TO IT. BOTH HE AND SUHADI ALSO LAMENTED THE FACT THAT WHILE WHAT THE LDC'S WANT IS WELL KNOWN, WHAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WILL GIVE IS NOT KNOWN. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH THE G-8 IN PARIS BECAUSE THEY LACKED A COMMON POSITION.

5. ASKED ABOUT THE ASEAN ROLE, SUHADI SAID QUOTE IT PARALLELED THE GLOBAL DISCUSSIONS END QUOTE, BUT THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT GLOBAL PROBLEMS WERE MORE MANAGEABLE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL.

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